AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

 (Currently amended) A method for preparing a peptide or a peptide derivative comprising at least two enantiopure amino acids and at least one glycine molecule, comprising the production of a peptide of general formula

$$R^{1}R^{2}NCH_{2}-C(=O)-HN-A-COOH$$
 (I)

in which A is a peptide chain comprising at least two enantiopure amino acids; and R^1 and R^2 are chosen, independently, from H or alkyl, alkenyl and aryl which are optionally functionalized, a peptide and a nucleic acid, or R^1 and R^2 together form a eyeloalkyl or cycloheteroalkyl substituent, <u>HN represents the terminal amino group of A and COOH represents the terminal carboxyl group of A</u>, by reacting a compound of general formula

$$XCH_2-C(=O)-HN-A-COOY$$
 (II)

in which X is a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, chosen from Cl and Br, and Y is chosen from H and eations Y is selected from the group consisting of H, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, Cs⁺, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺, Sr²⁺, and Ba²⁺, A has the same meaning as in formula (I), HN represents the terminal amino group of A and COOY represents the terminal carboxyl group of A; with a compound of general formula

in which R¹ and R² have the same meaning as in formula (I).

- 2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reaction is carried out in a liquid medium containing at least 25% by weight, relative to the total weight of the liquid medium, of compound of general formula (III).
- 3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, in which the liquid medium contains at least 30% by weight of compound of general formula (III).
- 4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reaction is carried out in a liquid medium in which a concentration of the compound of general formula (II) of less

than or equal to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the liquid medium, is maintained.

- 5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reaction is carried out at a temperature of -30°C to +60°C,
- 6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the compound of general formula (III) is aqueous ammonia.
- 7. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, in which A is a peptide chain made up of 2 to 20 amino acids.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 1, in which the compound of general formula (III) is a compound corresponding to general formula (I), at least R² in the compound of general formula (III) is H, A is identical in the compound of general formula (II) and in the compound of general formula (III), and the product obtained is a peptide derivative of general formula

$$R^{1}N(CH_{2}-C(=O)-HN-A-COOH)_{2}$$
 (IV)

in which A is a peptide chain comprising at least 2 enantiopure amino acids; and R¹ is chosen from H, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl, which are optionally functionalized, a peptide or a nucleic acid.

 (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of producing the compound of general formula (II) by peptide coupling of a fragment of general formula

$$XCH_2-C(=O)-HN-B$$
 (VI)

in which X is a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, chosen from Cl and Br, and B is an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups, with a fragment C fragment F, HN represents the α - amino group when B is an amino acid or the terminal amino group of B when B is a peptide, wherein said fragment C fragment F is an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups.

- 10. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 9, in which B is an amino acid.
- 11. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 9, in which fragment C fragment F is a persilylated amino acid or a persilylated peptide chain.
- 12. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A peptide derivative of general formula R¹N(CH₂-C(=O)-HN-A-COOH)₂ (IV) in which A denotes a peptide chain comprising at least 2 enantiopure amino acids; and R¹ is chosen from H, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl, which are optionally functionalized, a peptide or a nucleic acid.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A peptide derivative according to Claim 13, in which the group A is chosen from Phe-Leu and Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 15. (Withdrawn) A peptide derivative of general formula R¹N(CH₂-C(=O)-HN-Al -COOH)(CH₂-C(=O)-HN-A2-COOH) (V) in which Al and A2 denote different peptide chains, and Al or A2 comprises at least 2 enantiopure amino acids and R¹ is chosen from H, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl, which are optionally functionalized, a peptide or a nucleic acid.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The peptide derivative according to Claim 15, wherein Al or A2 is chosen from Phe-Leu and Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 17. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a the peptide derivative according to Claim 13.

is chosen from H and cations, and A denotes a peptide chain made up of 2 to 20 amino acids, comprising at least 2 enantiopure amino acids.

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- 19. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A method for producing the compound of general formula (II) according to Claim 18, by peptide coupling a fragment of general formula XCH₂-C(=O)-HN-B (V) in which X denotes a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, chosen from Cl and Br, and B denotes an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups, with a fragment C fragment F also denoting an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 18, in which B denotes an amino acid.
- 21. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The method according to Claim 19, in which fragment C fragment F is a persilylated amino acid or a persilylated peptide chain.
- 22. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The method according to Claim 20, in which fragment C fragment F is a persilylated amino acid or a persilylated peptide chain.
- 23. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 2, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 24. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 3, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 25. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 4, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 26. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 5, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 27. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 6, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.

- 28. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 7, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 8, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 30. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 9, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 31. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 10, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 32. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 11, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 33. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide derivative according to Claim 14.
- 34. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide derivative according to Claim 15.
- 35. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide derivative according to Claim 16.
- 36. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the nucleophilic substitution is with Cl or Br.
- 37. (Canceled)
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